

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A camera comprising:

an image data input unit forming an image of a subject for photographing said subject;

a condition storing unit storing a predetermined photographing condition relating to at least one of an expression and characteristic feature of an aimed object in the image of the subject;

an extractor extracting data of said aimed object from said image of said subject based on an extracting condition;

a detecting unit detecting a condition of said aimed object on said image, and said detecting unit detecting a satisfaction of said condition of said aimed object with said predetermined photographing condition; and

a timing signal generator automatically outputting a timing signal when said detecting unit detects the satisfaction of said photographing condition,

wherein said extractor is adapted to identify candidate aimed objects in said image of said subject based on depth information of said image indicating the distance from the camera to parts of said subject,

said photographing condition includes a predetermined condition related to said aimed object and said timing signal generator outputs said timing signal when said aimed object satisfies said photographing condition,

said extractor detects data of a judgement location from said data of said aimed object in said image based on a detecting condition different from said extracting condition,

said photographing condition includes a predetermined photographing condition related

to a desirable judgement location, and

said timing signal generator outputs said timing signal when said judgement location  
satisfies said photographing condition.

Claims 2-4 (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A camera as set forth in claim 1, 2;  
wherein said extractor extracts data of a plurality of said aimed objects from said image;  
and

said timing signal generator outputs said timing signal when said plurality of aimed  
objects satisfy said photographing condition.

6. (Original) A camera as set forth in claim 5, wherein said timing signal generator outputs  
said timing signal when the ratio of said aimed objects satisfying said photographing condition  
against all of said plurality of said aimed object exceeds a predetermined ratio.

7. (Previously Presented) A camera as set forth in claim 5,  
wherein said extractor detects data of a plurality of judgement locations from each of said  
data of said plurality of aimed objects based on a detecting condition different from said  
photographing condition,

said photographing condition includes a predetermined photographing condition related  
to said judgement location, and

said timing signal generator outputs said timing signal when said plurality of said judgement locations satisfy said photographing condition.

8. (Original) A camera as set forth in claim 7, wherein said timing signal generator outputs said timing signal when the ratio of said judgement locations satisfying said photographing condition against all of said plurality of said aimed object exceeds a predetermined ratio.

9. (Original) A camera as set forth in claim 1, further comprising an image-pickup control unit controlling said input unit for photographing said image based on said timing signal.

10. (Original) A camera as set forth in claim 1, further comprising an illuminator illuminating said subject based on said timing signal.

11. (Original) A camera as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a recording unit recording said image on a replaceable nonvolatile recording medium based on said timing signal.

12. (Original) A camera as set forth in claim 1, further comprising an alarm outputting an alarm signal for notifying that said subject satisfies said photographing condition based on said timing signal.

13. (Original) A camera as set forth in claim 1,  
wherein said photographing condition includes a plurality of photographing conditions,  
and  
said camera further comprises a condition-setting unit previously selecting at least one of  
said photographing conditions, for photographing said image, from among said plurality of  
photographing conditions.

14. (Currently Amended) A camera as set forth in claim 1, 4, further comprising:  
an input condition determining unit determining an input condition for inputting said  
image based on information of said judgement location detected by said extractor; and  
an image-forming control unit controlling an input unit for forming said image of said  
subject based on said input condition.

15. (Currently Amended) A camera as set forth in claim 1, 4, further comprising an image  
processing unit processing said image based on information of said judgement location detected  
by said extractor.

Claims 16-29 (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) A method of photographing an image of a subject comprising:  
storing a predetermined photographing condition relating to at least one of an expression  
and characteristic feature of an aimed object in the image of the subject;

extracting data of said aimed object from said image of said subject based on an  
extracting condition;

detecting a condition of said aimed object on said image;

automatically detecting a satisfaction of said condition of said aimed object with said  
predetermined photographing condition; and

automatically outputting a timing signal when the satisfaction of said predetermined  
photographing condition is automatically detected

wherein said extracting step identifies at least one candidate aimed object in said image  
of said subject based on depth information of said image indicating the distance from the camera  
to parts of said subject,

said photographing condition includes a predetermined condition related to said aimed  
object,

said timing signal is output when said aimed object satisfies said photographing  
condition,

said extracting includes detecting data of a judgement location from said data of said  
aimed object in said image based on a detecting condition different from said extracting  
condition,

said photographing condition includes a predetermined photographing condition related  
to a desirable judgement location, and

said timing signal is output when said judgement location satisfies said photographing  
condition.

Claims 31-32 (Canceled)

33. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 30, further comprising photographing said subject based on said timing signal.

34. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 30, further comprising recording said photographed image of said subject on a replaceable nonvolatile recording medium based on said timing signal.

35. (Currently Amended) A method as set forth in claim 30, 32, further comprising:  
determining an input condition for inputting said image based on information for said judgement location detected in said detecting step; and  
forming said image of said subject based on said input condition.

36. (Currently Amended) A method as set forth in claim 30, 32 further comprising processing said image based on information for said judgement location detected in said detecting step.

Claims 37-41 (Canceled)